

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST

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FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2007

LIST OF ISSUES

- 1. ECONOMY/PERSONAL FINANCE** LAY-OFFS ARE CONTINUING AT LOCAL PLANTS. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER NEEDS.
- 2. HEALTH CARE/COST** SOUTH CAROLINA HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF HEART DISEASE IN THE NATION. DEATH RATE IS HIGH FOR NEW BORN'S DUE TO POOR HEALTH PRACTICES AND COST. ELDERLY HEALTH CARE IS INADEQUATE DUE TO FIXED INCOME AND HIGH COST OF MEDICINE AND TREATMENT.
- 3. CRIME** HIGH CRIME RATE DUE IN PART TO THE ECONOMY. ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO LACK OF EDUCATION. GUNS AND DRUGS ARE EXTREMELY EASY TO GET.
- 4. DRUG USE/PREVENTION** HIGHEST RATE OF DRUG USE IN THE STATE. I-95 IS CONSIDERED THE "PIPELINE" FROM FLORIDA TO NEW YORK AND DRUGS FLOW FREELY INTO THE AREA.
- 5. EDUCATION** AREA HAS EXTREMELY HIGH RATE OF DROP-OUTS. LACK OF INTEREST IN FURTHERING EDUCATION. LACK OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS A DIRECT CAUSE OF LACK OF EDUCATION.
- 6. ENVIRONMENT** DUE TO PROXIMITY TO NUCLEAR PLANT, AND SEVERAL OTHER PLANTS THAT DUMP WASTE, WE ARE MORE AWARE OF ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS OF OUR AREA.
- 7. PREJUDICE/INTOLERANCE** THIS IS BECOMING MORE OF A PROBLEM AS MINORITIES LOSE JOBS DUE TO LACK OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION. THEY FEEL THEY ARE NOT FAIRLY TREATED BY OUR LOCAL LEADERS.